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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFR (Case No. 99-372-A)

| In re Application of: Welcher et al. Serial No.: 09/724,860 Filed: November 28, 2000 |) | 帝 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 2 |
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| Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231 | | |

PETITION FOR A THREE-MONTH EXTENSION OF TIME

Applicants request a Three-Month Extension of Time to respond to the Restriction Requirement, mailed May 16, 2002. A check in the amount of \$920.00 for an Extension fee under 37 C.F.R. 1.136(a), pursuant to 37 C.F.R. 1.17(a)(3), is attached. The Commissioner is authorized to charge any additional fees or credit any overpayment to Deposit Account No. 13-2490.

Respectfully submitted,

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Dated: November 13, 2002.

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